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CITY MANAGER APPOINTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

Deputy Chief of Carrboro Fire-Rescue Selected to Lead Internationally Accredited Department

Rocky Mount City Manager Stephen W. Raper today announced the appointment of William L. "Trey" Mayo as Fire Chief for the City of Rocky Mount. Mayo will assume his new role with the Rocky Mount Fire Department on June 1, 2010. The city's fire chief position has been vacant since former chief J. Keith Harris retired on April 1, 2010.

"Following an extensive assessment, interview and selection process, Trey Mayo emerged as the ideal candidate for the next chief of the Rocky Mount Fire Department," said Raper. "Mayo's impressive range of work experience coupled with his educational and professional background make him uniquely qualified to continue in the department's long history of outstanding leadership."

Mayo began his career in the fire service with the City of Raleigh Fire Department, where he rose through the ranks to the position of Fire Captain. Mayo currently serves as the Deputy Chief of Fire-Rescue in Carrboro, NC, a position he has held since 2006. In his role as Deputy Chief, Mayo serves as the head of the Department's Suppression Division. He manages the functions of fire suppression, medical response, extrication and rescue and directs the Department's training program.

Mayo is a native of Plymouth, NC and has family in Rocky Mount. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School and Wilson Technical Community College, where he earned an associate degree in fire protection technology with highest honors. He also holds a bachelors degree in industrial relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master of public administration degree from North Carolina State University. Mayo is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD and holds multiple certifications related to the fire service and emergency management. Mayo was recently selected as the Southeast Regional Director for the National Society of Executive Fire Officers.

"Through its international accreditation and recent Class Two ISO Rating, the Rocky Mount Fire Department has earned a reputation for excellence and high standards," said Mayo. "I am honored to be selected to serve and I look forward to continued progressive achievements for the department in the years ahead."

The City of Rocky Mount looks forward to welcoming Chief Mayo and his wife Annie to our community.

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The Rocky Mount Fire Department employs approximately 150 full time employees within its three divisions of Administration, Operations, and Support Services. The Department works closely with the emergency services offices of both Nash and Edgecombe Counties to provide a regional approach to public safety. The Department responds to approximately 9,000 emergency calls each year, serving nearly 60,000 residents and protecting over 43 square miles of property. The Department operates from seven fire stations located throughout the City, with an annual operating budget of nearly \$10 million. The Rocky Mount Fire Department is an ISO Class 2 agency, placing the RMFD in the top .05% of the fire departments in North Carolina. The Rocky Mount Fire Department earned International Fire Service Accreditation status in August 2003, and again in August 2008; the RMFD is one of less than 140 fire departments worldwide carrying the international seal of accreditation. In 2004, the City of Rocky Mount became the first municipality in North Carolina to be designated by the National Weather Service as a "Storm Ready Community", having completed numerous emergency management enhancements since Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

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